

REMARKS

The claims of the above-identified patent application have been amended and Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and again examine the claims as amended.

Claims 1-19 are pending in the application. Claims 1-19 are allowed. Claim 20 is cancelled herein without prejudice. No new claims have been added by this amendment.

The Examiner rejected Claim 20 under 35 U.S.C. §112 second paragraph and under 35 U.S.C. §103(a) as being unpatentable over Sreenivas (U.S. Patent no. 5,093,668).

Applicants have cancelled claim 20 without prejudice and thus the rejection thereof will not be discussed. Applicants reserve their right to pursue claim 20 and other claims in a continuation application.

In the Office Action dated March 27, 2006, the Examiner rejected claim 20 and indicated that claims 1-19 were allowed. Applicants have cancelled claim 20 and thus only allowed claims remain in the case.

Accordingly, Applicants submit that claims 1-19 and the entire case are in condition for allowance and should be sent to issue and such action is respectfully requested.

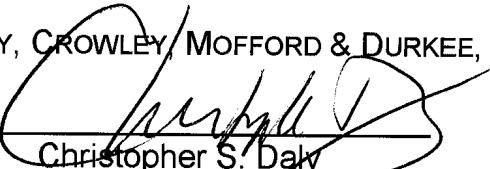
The Examiner is respectfully invited to telephone the undersigning attorney if there are any questions regarding this Response or this application.

The Assistant Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any additional fees associated with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 500845, including but not limited to, any charges for extensions of time under 37 C.F.R. §1.136.

Respectfully submitted,

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